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1. The rail line between Leipzig and Magdeburg was equipped with rails imported from the USSR. Some of these rails were sprung after they had been in use only a short time. As a result, all trains traveling this line are running 45 minutes behind schedule because it is necessary to travel at reduced speed. Work gangs are engaged in welding reinforcing strips of flat steel to each side of the rails.
2. The Dresden-Bad Schandau segment of the Berlin-Dresden-Bad Schandau line was opened for double-track traffic only a short time ago. Trains on this line are required to travel at less than 50 kilometers per hour because of the danger of rail breakage.

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